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SCOTUS unanimously allows foul language trademarks in 'F-word' case

All nine justices ruled in favor of L.A. streetwear designer Erik Brunetti.

Erik Brunetti, Los Angeles artist and streetwear designer of the clothing brand FUCT, stands for a portrait in Los Angeles, California. PATRICK FALLON

The Supreme Court on Monday struck down a longstanding U.S. ban on trademarks on "immoral" or "scandalous" words and symbols, ruling in a case involving a clothing brand with an indelicate name that the law violates constitutional free speech rights.

The justices ruled against President Donald Trump's administration, which defended the law that had been in place since 1905, and in favor of Los Angeles streetwear designer Erik Brunetti, who was turned down by U.S. Patent and Trademark Office when he sought to trademark his brand name FUCT.

All nine justices agreed in the decision written by liberal Justice Elena Kagan that the prohibition on "immoral" trademarks ran afoul of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment right to free expression. However, three justices wrote dissents to say the bar on "scandalous" trademarks should have been upheld.

The Supreme Court followed a course it took in 2017 when it struck down a similar law forbidding the registration of "disparaging" trademarks in a case involving an Asian-American dance rock band called The Slants, a name federal trademark officials had deemed offensive to Asians.

When the 2011 trademark application for FUCT was rejected, the Patent and Trademark Office noted that the brand name sounds like a profanity — sometimes politely called the "F-word" — though is spelled differently, and concluded that Brunetti's products contained sexual imagery, misogyny and violence.

"There are a great many immoral and scandalous ideas in the world [even more than there are swear words]," Kagan wrote in Monday's decision, adding that the trademark law covers them all. "It therefore violates the First Amendment."

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"Today is a good day for Americans," Brunetti's lawyer John Sommer said. "The U.S. Supreme Court has taken the government out of the business of deciding questions of morality."

The justices, who are due to wrap up their current term in the coming days with a handful of other major rulings on tap, upheld a 2017 lower court ruling striking down the law. The decision removes the authority of government officials to bar federal trademark registration for profane language or sexually graphic images.

The Trump administration had warned that invalidating the law would unleash a torrent of extreme words and sexually graphic images on the marketplace.

Brunetti's brand includes products such as a pullover sweatshirt saying "The world is fuct," sweatpants saying "We are fuct," and a T-shirt saying "Fuct is free speech, free speech is fuct."

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Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Stephen Breyer and John Roberts were the three justices who partly dissented. Sotomayor said the government will now have no choice but to register "the most vulgar, profane or obscene words and images imaginable."

Breyer said such words could even lead to physical altercations. "Just think about how you might react if you saw someone wearing a T-shirt or using a product emblazoned with an odious racial epithet," Breyer said.

Brunetti sought a trademark because it would make it easier to protect his brand of casual clothing against counterfeiters. The brand's name is clever, Brunetti said, because of its association with the profanity, while the acronym also means "Friends U Can't Trust." REUTERS

Vietnam jails American for overthrow-state attempt

2 A court in Vietnam on Monday sentenced a U.S. citizen to 12 years in prison after finding him guilty of "attempting to overthrow the state" in a trial that lasted just half a day, his lawyer said. Michael Phuong Minh Nguyen, 55, pleaded guilty, but had asked that his sentence be reduced so he could be reunited with his family, his lawyer, Nguyen Van Mieng, told Reuters by telephone after the trial at the Ho Chi Minh City court. Nguyen will be deported after serving his jail sentence. "It's such a long sentence," said Mieng. "Michael admitted guilt at the trial and asked the jury to reduce his sentence so that he could soon reunite with his family." Nguyen was accused of inciting Vietnamese people to join protests and attempting to attack government offices in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City with Molotov cocktails and slingshots, the Tuoi Tre newspaper said, citing the indictment. REUTERS

Ethiopia coup mastermind killed, others arrested

3 The man accused of trying to seize control of Ethiopia's northern Amhara region was shot dead on Monday, a senior government official said, and a number of other plotters have been arrested. The government accused General Asamnew Tsige of masterminding gun attacks on Saturday night that killed five people including the national army's chief of staff and Amhara's state president. Asamnew was shot on Monday near Amhara's capital Bahir Dar, the prime minister's press secretary, Negussu Tilahun, told Reuters. He declined to give any other details. The reasons behind the attempted coup in the state remain unclear, although it may have been a reaction from Asamnew to a plan by state officials to rein him in after they were alarmed by reports of his ethnic rhetoric and recruitment of militias. REUTERS

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Trump imposes new sanctions on Iran's supreme leader

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and other top officials would have billions in assets locked.

President Donald Trump targeted Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and other senior Iranian officials with new U.S. sanctions on Monday, looking for a fresh blow to Iran's economy after Tehran's downing of an unmanned American drone.

With tensions running high between the two countries, Trump signed an executive order imposing the sanctions, which U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said would lock billions of dollars more in Iranian assets.

Trump told reporters that the sanctions were in part a response to last week's downing of a U.S. drone by Iran, but would have happened anyway. He said Khamenei was ultimately responsible for what Trump called "the hostile conduct of the regime" in the Middle East.

"Sanctions imposed through the executive order ... will deny the supreme leader and the supreme leader's office, and those closely affiliated with him and the office, access to key financial resources and support," Trump said.

The sanctions are aimed at denying Iran's leadership access to financial resources, blocking them from using the United States financial system or having access to any assets in the United States.

"Anybody who conducts significant transactions with these sanctioned individuals may be exposed to sanctions themselves," the White House said.

Some policy analysts say that earlier sanctions issued under Trump's "maximum pressure" campaign are why Iran has felt compelled to adopt more aggressive tactics as its economy feels the crunch. The Trump administration wants to force Tehran to open talks on its nuclear and missile programs and its activities in the region.

Tensions between the United States and Iran have grown since May, when Washington ordered all countries to halt imports of Iranian oil. Iran says it will not be forced to the negotiating table.

"We call on the regime to abandon its nuclear ambitions, change its destructive behavior, respect the rights of its people, and return in good faith to the negotiating table," Trump said in a statement issued along with the text of the executive order.

Iranian authorities contacted by Reuters were not immediately available to comment on Trump's announcement.

Iran's hardline semi-official Tasnim and Fars news agencies said the sanctions imposed on Tehran were based on "fabricated excuses."

Mnuchin said Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif would be targeted with U.S. sanctions later this week.

Sanctions were also imposed on eight senior commanders of Navy, Aerospace, and Ground Forces of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC), the U.S. Treasury Department said.

"These commanders sit atop a bureaucracy that supervises the IRGC's malicious regional activities, including its provocative ballistic missile program, harassment and sabotage of commercial vessels in international waters, and its destabilizing presence in Syria," the department said in a statement.

Trump said the sanctions are a "strong and proportionate response to Iran's increasingly provocative actions." REUTERS

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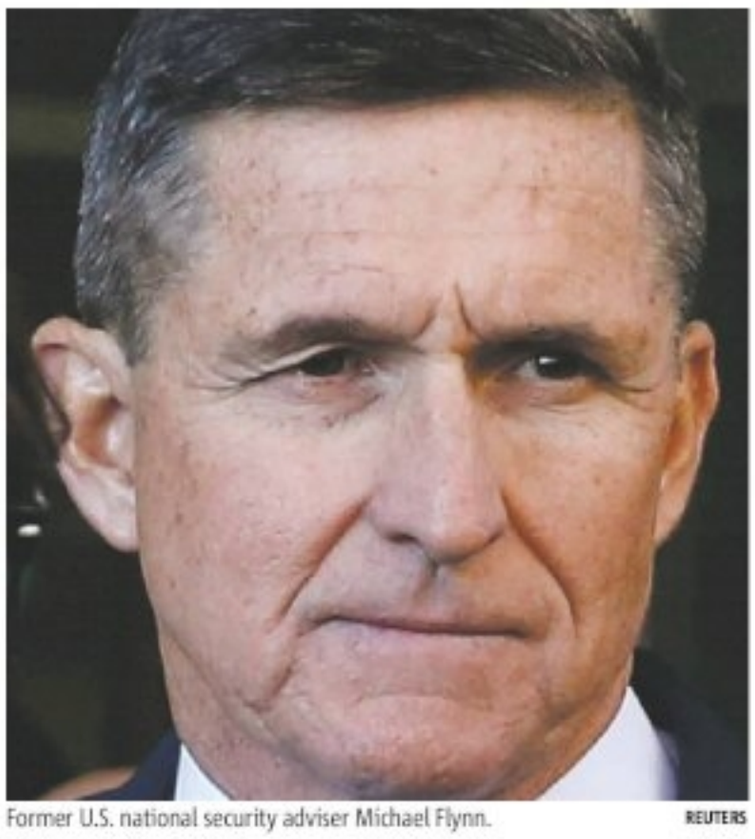

Former U.S. national security adviser Michael Flynn. REUTERS

Flynn to appear in court with Mueller critic as his new lawyer

President Donald Trump's convicted former national security adviser Michael Flynn will appear in court on Monday for the first time since hiring a new lawyer who criticized Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

The lawyer, Sidney Powell, is a conservative commentator who frequently appears on Fox News and sells T-shirts that say "Creeps on a Mission" featuring images of Mueller, former FBI Director James Comey and other Justice Department officials.

Flynn was among the first people in Trump's inner circle to be charged by Mueller's prosecutors for lying to investigators about his December 2016 conversations with Sergei Kislyak, Russia's then-ambassador in Washington, about U.S. sanctions imposed on Moscow by President Barack Obama. Flynn worked on Trump's election campaign and the conversations took place between Trump's November election victory and his inauguration in January 2017.

Flynn pleaded guilty to the charge, agreed to cooperate with Mueller's investigation and has also assisted prosecutors in a separate federal case brought against his former business partner, Bijan Rafiekian. Rafiekian is scheduled to go on trial in July after being indicted on allegations of unregistered lobbying on behalf of Turkey. Rafiekian denies the charge.

Flynn was supposed to be sentenced in December but his sentencing was postponed after a contentious hearing in which U.S. District Court Judge Emmet Sullivan excoriated Flynn for lying to investigators, and accused the retired U.S. Army lieutenant general of selling out the United States.

"I'm not hiding my disgust, my disdain for this criminal offense," Sullivan said at the time.

Sullivan then gave Flynn the option to have his sentencing delayed so that he could fully cooperate with any pending investigations to help bolster his case for leniency.

It is unclear whether Flynn may change his legal strategy before his sentencing. His previous lawyers were Robert Kelner and Stephen Anthony.

Powell has written opinion pieces in which she called for Flynn to consider withdrawing his guilty plea. However, after Flynn hired her she said in a statement that Flynn would "continue to cooperate with the government in all matters."

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11 Shootings cap off back-to-back violent weekends

Philadelphia officials are pleading for peace, information on shooters.

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Philadelphia police are looking for information in the wake of another violent weekend of shootings which left 11 people injured, including a child, throughout the city.

According to police, an 8-year-old boy was grazed by a bullet while he was playing outside, and a 16-year-old was hit in the leg during a drive-by shooting in North Philadelphia at about 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Just before 3:30 p.m, 39-year-old William Wright was shot six times, and is now fighting for his life, according to CBS Philly.

The citywide carnage began at about 8 p.m. on Saturday, when a 22-year-old man was rushed to the hospital after he was shot in the leg, police said. Police found four people injured on 24th and Moore streets after a shooting at about 10:30 p.m. Three men were listed in stable condition, while a fourth man was listed in critical condition.

On Sunday morning, police patrolled the 700 block of North 46th Street and Somerset Street after another shooting sent two more people to the hospital.

This recent wave of weekend gun violence followed a horrifying prior weekend, in which 28 people were shot, five of whom died. One of the shootings took place at a graduation party, where five people were injured, one fatally.

According to Philly Police data, gun violence is up 3 percent and homicides have risen more than 6 percent compared to this time last year.

On Saturday, Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney walked the streets of West Philadelphia and called for people to put their weapons down.

"I want to make sure that they understand that we have their back and we want to make sure that people in this community and other communities know that the governor cares about what's going on and we want to try to stop it and reverse this trend," Kenney told News Radio KYW.

The Anti-Violence and Anti-Drug Network has been working to keep peace in the streets by hosting community walks since last summer.

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"They're people who grew up in neighborhoods like this and for that reason they have some built-in credibility. It's easy for them to establish a rapport, and the interaction is a big part of what helps us to prevent violence," Anti-Violence and Anti-Drug Network Executive Director George Mosee told CBS Philly.

So far, police have made no arrests in connection with any of the shootings.

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. BINU MATHEW / SHUTTERSTOCK

New York man becomes 10th US tourist to die in Dominican Republic

A New York man became the 10th American tourist who has died while vacationing in the Dominican Republic in recent months.

Vittorio Caruso, 56, of Glen Cove, Long Island, experienced respiratory distress and an apparent heart attack while on vacation there earlier this month, News 12 reported Sunday.

Caruso died on June 17, his sister-in-law, Lisa Marie Caruso, told the station. He was celebrating his retirement after he sold a Glen Cove pizza shop he had operated with his brother for 12 years.

She said the family received a phone call that Vittorio was sick. Moments later, they got a second phone call saying he had died.

Caruso died in a hospital in Santo Domingo, CNN reported. Local authorities said the cause was respiratory failure.

Caruso's death has similarities to several others that have occurred in vacation resorts in the Dominican Republic over the last year. A number of American tourists have died of respiratory failure or heart attacks. Surviving family members have reported the deaths were sudden. Several occurred after having an alcoholic drink, sometimes from a hotel minibar.

The FBI is investigating the deaths and is helping local authorities with toxicology tests in at least three cases, CNN reported Sunday.

Authorities are looking into whether tainted bootleg alcohol is responsible for the deaths, the New York Post reported on June 13.

Several visitors to Dominican Republic resorts have reported falling ill, but survived. Some said they did not drink alcohol during their stay.

Former "Bachelor" star Melissa Rycroft has had "major stomach issues since returning from the Dominican Republic" where she was vacationing with her family, Rycroft's representatives told "Page Six" last week.

According to Business Insider, more than 1,600 people have reported suspected poisonings in the country this year on the popular food-safety site IWasPoisoned.com. That's up from 10 reports in 2018. More than 700 reports specifically mentioned the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Punta Cana.

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On Sunday, the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino announced that it would remove liquor dispensers from guest room minibars. The general manager told CNN the decision was made independently to "provide more tranquility for guests" and was not related to two deaths that happened there.

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Eldorado Resorts takes on bigger rivals with $8.5B Caesars purchase

Billionaire investor Carl Icahn holds a 14.75 percent stake in the company.

Eldorado Resorts has agreed to buy rival Caesars Entertainment Corp. for about $8.5 billion in cash and stock, as it looks to build scale to take on larger companies such as Las Vegas Sands and Wynn Resorts.

The deal comes more than three months after Caesars agreed to give billionaire investor Carl Icahn three board seats to his representatives and a say on the selection of its next chief executive officer.

Icahn, who has been pressing for a sale of Caesars, held a 14.75 percent stake in the company as of March 31, according to data from Refinitiv Eikon.

Shares of Caesars, up 47 percent this year, rose 11.4 percent to $14.51 at mid-afternoon, while Eldorado's stock, which has increased 41.4 percent year to date, fell 13.2 percent to $44.45.

Eldorado has made a series of acquisitions over the past few years including a $1.85 billion deal for Icahn-backed Tropicana Entertainment in 2018 and a $1.7 billion deal for Isle of Capri Casinos in 2017, strengthening its free cash flow and earnings per share.

The company's stock has risen more than 10 times since it went public in 2014, outperforming MGM Resorts, Las Vegas Sands and Wynn Resorts, whose shares have been under pressure due to their exposure to Macau and trade tensions with China.

"Eldorado has proven its ability to execute. ... We expect the long-term positives [of the deal] could prove out," Jefferies analyst David Katz said.

Eldorado's offer of $13.01 per share represents a premium of about 30 percent to Caesars' closing price on Friday.

Caesars, which emerged from bankruptcy in 2017, operates casinos with the Harrah's and Horseshoe brands. The company owns and operates 34 properties in nine U.S. states and three continents, and its long-term debt stood at $8.79 billion as of March 31.

Founded in 1973 by the Carano family, Eldorado had long-term debt of about $3.06 billion at the end of March. The company owns and operates 26 properties in 12 U.S. states.

Icahn said he was "pleased" by the deal announcement.

"It is rare that you see a merger where because of the great synergies 'one plus one equals five.' I look forward to seeing our investment prosper," he said in a statement

The deal price represents a premium of 51 percent over Caesar's trading price on the day before Icahn's representatives joined the board of Caesars on March 1.

Eldorado and Caesars shareholders will hold about 51 percent and 49 percent of the combined company's shares following the close of the deal in the first half of 2020. The company is targeting $500 million in savings in the first year of its operation.

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Announcement of Milano and Cortina as the host cities for the 2026 Winter Olympic Games during the 134th session of IOC in Lausanne, Switzerland. REUTERS

Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo to host 2026 Winter Games

The Italian cities beat out remaining contender Stockholm for the Games.

Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo are promising an Italian Olympics packed with style and elan after winning the right to stage the 2026 Winter Games on Monday.

Milan earned 47 votes from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) membership, compared to Stockholm's 34, prompting loud celebrations from the bid team, which had earlier included Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte.

"Italy, the future and sport have won," Italy's Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini said back in Italy.

"There will be at least 5 billion [euros] in added value, 20,000 jobs, as well as many new roads and sports facilities. With the Winter Olympics we will confirm our excellence and our skills to the world."

Milan and Stockholm were the only candidates left after four other cities — Switzerland's Sion, Japan's Sapporo, Austria's Graz and 1988 hosts Calgary in Canada — had dropped out of the race with concerns over the size and cost of the event.

Turkey's Erzurum was cut by the IOC.

"Congratulations to Milan-Cortina. We can look forward to outstanding and sustainable Olympic Winter Games in a traditional winter sports country," IOC President Thomas Bach said after announcing the winner.

"We will contribute to the success of these Games 925 million dollars. This will greatly facilitate the preparations and will be an important part of a great partnership we will enjoy with Cortina and Milan."

STRONG SUPPORT

The Games' organizational budget is at $1.7 billion according to the bid file, but that does not include infrastructure projects.

Bach said the strong public support in Italy of over 80 percent was a key factor, with Stockholm having had just over 50 percent of local support in a recent IOC-commissioned poll.

Stockholm's refusal to sign the host contract if the city won was another factor. Co-hosts Are would have done it.

"Gathering a bit the atmosphere when leaving the room, my assumption is that what made the difference was the gap in the public support," Bach said.

"Public support goes hand in hand with political support and this was maybe also the reason why the city of Stockholm was not ready to sign the host city contract."

Italy last hosted the Winter Olympics in 2006 in Turin, while Cortina staged the Winter Games back in 1956.

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Sweden, a winter sports powerhouse which hosted the Summer Olympics in 1912, has now bid eight times unsuccessfully for the Winter Games. Sweden also failed to land the 2004 Summer Olympics. REUTERS

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ACCEPTING TRANSFERS

Weed leader Canopy Growth done with buying smaller producers: CEO

Canopy Growth CEO Bruce Linton. REUTERS

The biggest of Canada's booming pot growers, Canopy Growth Corp., has further to go on a string of acquisitions that has seen it suck up at least 12 smaller firms in a year, but it is done buying other producers, Chief Executive Officer Bruce Linton said.

Powered by a deal with Corona-maker Constellation Brands Inc. that has left it with $4.5 billion to invest, Canopy is in pole position to cash in on Canada's legalization of marijuana for recreational use as well as expectations that the United States may follow.

Constellation is betting in part on the promise that federal legislation might eventually follow moves by state governments in the United States to legalize, opening the door to legal production countrywide, and there have been tentative signs that others may follow.

Coca-Cola last year quashed a handful of reports that it was looking at developing cannabis-infused drinks and analysts have pointed to the area as a possible next investment for "sin stocks" like tobacco and alcohol makers.

Linton said that with Canopy taken, the other companies on offer in the sector looked too small to tempt major potential investors, pointing to the likelihood of more consolidation within the sector first.

He also said his own firm had bought as many producers as it needed and would focus instead on companies that may provide synergies with his central business of growing the plant.

"We will not be buying anyone who currently produces cannabis in Canada, for sure," Linton said. "We're more interested in what exists in the pharmaceutical world than the cannabis world."

When asked whether Canopy would consider acquiring growers outside Canada, Linton said there were no companies outside of Canada he would consider buying.

Canopy acquired medicinal marijuana producers in South America and Africa last year, and in April secured the right to buy New York-based Acreage Holdings Inc. for $3.4 billion if the United States legalizes production and sale of cannabis.

JUST LIKE GIN AND TONIC

The pot industry has seen a string of deals in recent months buoyed by the possibility of cannabis-infused products becoming legal at a federal level in the United States.

Recreational use is now legal in 10 states and the District of Columbia. Growers have also been looking to get early advantage in new markets in Latin America and Europe.

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Curaleaf Holdings Inc., an integrated cannabis operator in the United States, in May announced a deal to buy Cura Partners Inc.'s Select brand, which it said would make the world's biggest player by revenue. Canopy, worth $13.47 billion at current share prices, had revenue of C$226 million in its last fiscal year.

Linton was confident in the scale his company had developed so far and said other producers would have to merge to compete or pique the interest of other investors.

"We're operating with a balance sheet that has $4.5 billion on it. ... If you're a small guy and you have $30 million or $50 million, you should smash five or six (companies) together to create a depth of capacity in financial resources necessary to go global," Linton told Reuters.

Linton, whose recent investments include bio-pharma company C3 and British skincare company This Works, said Canopy was working on cannabis-infused drinks that would serve as an alternate to alcohol for people averse to hangovers. REUTERS

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Leo Be thankful and keep moving forward. An opportunity to do something you've always wanted to do should not be ignored. Don't make choices based on what someone else is doing. Do your own thing.

Virgo Give your all to what brings in more cash, leads you to security and encourages you to balance work with friends, family and fun.

Libra Finish what you start and leave no room for criticism or complaints. Once you take care of business, plan to enjoy your downtime with a loved one.

Scorpio Follow the path that beckons you. Don't lose sight of your creative dreams or the people and pastimes that give you joy. Embrace new beginnings and let go of regrets.

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LIFESTYLE

Dito van Reigersberg as Martha Graham Cracker. CHRIS CRISMAN

Join the ride

Martha Graham Cracker hits the stage in Philly this weekend.

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Dito van Reigersberg, a.k.a. the colorful and hilariously over-the-top drag queen extraordinaire Martha Graham Cracker, is hitting the stage in Philly this weekend with her one-of-a-kind cabaret show and trusty band. There will be two unforgettable performances, one unfiltered for adults and a PG-rated matinee performance for a younger audience. Reigersberg sat down with Metro to discuss what to expect at a Martha Graham Cracker cabaret show, dive into why Martha is always unscripted, and explain how important it is for a younger audience to experience the magic of Martha Graham Cracker.

When was Martha Graham Cracker created?
Hard to say. I think we are turning 15 years old this year, but we have been in residency at L'Etage on 6th and Bainbridge since then. So, she's pretty old. I was even doing her before that, but that was the beginning of me doing her every month. [L'Etage] is not a huge venue but it really has a nice intimacy — it's elegant and it's where I could see the audience's reactions and it [allowed me] to do this show where I build on what the audience is giving me.

Your shows are all unscripted, but what do you do to prepare for a Martha Graham Cracker cabaret?
I do a lot of just thinking about what's going on in the news or what people are thinking about at the moment. There's a lot of references to current events, but there's also a lot of reference to what I've been going through. I'll tell a ridiculous story, some of which might not actually be totally true. As an actor, they say you have to learn your lines totally cold so you can then be playful and just go for a ride every time you perform. And I think it's sort of a similar thing [with Martha] where I want to do my homework and think about all of the things I could talk about. Sometimes I make long lists and think about everything that's going on in the world or what I've been thinking about or a funny thing that's happened to me recently. Or sometimes I'll go somewhere alone, maybe eat dinner by myself or meditate on those things, and then I'll sort of just take the ride. I try not to plan it because the audience might be more important than the thing I have planned. I'm allowing myself to be permeable to what's going on in the space in real time.

You are performing a kids' show as well. What can you tell me about that?
There may be some songs, there may be some singalongs, and I will definitely read a book or two to the kids. That'll be much more PG-rated.

Why do you think it's important for a younger audience to experience the magic of Martha Graham Cracker?
There have been all these things in the news where there are drag queens reading to kids at libraries that have been met with some excitement and coolness, and also some protest. There's this sort of old-fashioned idea that you make a child gay by exposing them to things that will turn them gay — I just know, being a gay man myself, that that's just not how it works. So I guess part of what it is, is that people need to be given the freedom to explore who they are or come to terms with who they are. Kids need to be given options, and options without any panic. It's exciting that we're living in a time where you really can't claim that you've never met a gay person or you can't claim that you don't know what that is. We're a lot more conversant about that stuff. There is pushback, of course, with that old-fashioned idea of, "Oh, we can't expose the children [to this]." But I think exposing even children who will become straight in the future, it gives them a chance to think about how broad the spectrum of human beings [can be]. Their first impulse is to just take everyone at face value and not be set in strict categories. That's the serious part, but also I just think kids like to have fun and like to be playful and Martha Graham Cracker is the most playful part of who I am. I do think people who are performers like myself know who their audience is, and with an interactive performance, you know how to adjust to the kind of audience that you are seeing in front of you. When it's an adult show late at night I adjust one way, and when it's a kids' show at 11 a.m. I adjust another way.

If you go:

June 28-29, 8 p.m. (Fri) and 11 a.m. (Sat), Wilma Theater, 265 S. Broad St., $10-$35, wilmatheater.org

How does it feel to be performing at the Wilma?
I'm excited because I never performed at the Wilma, actually, I've seen many performances and I adore that company and that theater. I have performed in the lobby with the Bearded Ladies many times, so it feels like I'm moving up in the world. I made it to the main theater with real lights, and it's tall and grand, and I think they are going to pull some crazy set elements from past shows, too, to decorate the space.

Now for the adult cabaret extravaganza. What would you tell Philly audiences to expect?
Adults often say "Ow, my face hurts from laughing and smiling so much," which is my favorite thing [that people] say. That's one thing. Another thing is, no one is safe. You can be sitting in the back row and because I have a wireless microphone and a spotlight operator, I can be anywhere. I think it's a little bit scary, in an exciting way, and hopefully you leave having laughed a lot.

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It's the one you want

Olivia Newton-John's "Grease" costume is up for auction.

A pair of figure-hugging, shiny black high-waisted pants worn by Olivia Newton-John in the finale of the film "Grease." HANDOUT VIA REUTERS

Olivia Newton-John is putting the black leather jacket and tight pants that she wore in the final number of "Grease" up for auction to help raise money for her cancer treatment center in Australia.

Julien's Auctions said on Wednesday the iconic outfit that marked her character's transition from demure high schooler to sexy Sandy Olson in the 1978 movie musical is one of 200 items that Newton-John is selling in November.

The jacket and pants are being sold separately but together are expected to fetch up to $200,000, the auction house said.

"Grease," a high school romance set in the 1950s, became a global box office smash and sent the careers of both Newton-John and co-star John Travolta soaring.

The singer, who announced in 2017 that the breast cancer she first suffered in 1992 had returned and spread to her lower back, wore the leather jacket and high-waisted black pants for the final scene in "Grease," in which the actors perform the duet "You're the One That I Want."

Newton-John, 70, is selling her original script from the film, estimated at up to $4,000; the pink gown she wore to the "Grease" premiere in Los Angeles (estimated at $3,000-$5,000); and a custom Pink Ladies jacket given to her by the "Grease" cast and crew.

The British-born and Australian-raised singer and actress is also auctioning two of the outfits she wore while promoting her 1981 "Physical" album and tour, along with several costumes from her 1980 film "Xanadu."

Earlier this year, while promoting her best-selling memoir, Newton-John said she spent her 70th birthday undergoing radiation treatment at the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness and Research Centre in Melbourne, Australia, because of a cancer-induced pelvic fracture.

A portion of the auction proceeds will go to fund the research center, Julien's said.

The auction will be held in Beverly Hills on Nov. 1-2, and will be preceded by public exhibits at the Museum of Style Icons in Ireland, and in Beverly Hills. REUTERS

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'The ability to design life is fundamental' SANDRA CHEMIN

The founder of consulting platform Futureyou analyzed how work of the future could look — and how we will adapt to it.

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| ALISTAIR DAINES, DIVULGATION

Sandra Chemin is a "navigator of the future," as the 48-year-old likes to define herself. Mainly because of the work she does to help people and companies adapt to upcoming labor trends with the consulting platform Futureyou. Before reaching the privileged vision of what the future holds, Chemin had to reinvent herself many times during an 18-year journey that included abandoning a successful career and moving with her family through 30 countries. Metro chatted with Chemin to learn more.

What is your vision on modern labor structure? What to expect in the future?
We experience significant changes in work for many reasons. First of all, because nowadays more and more people are looking for the meaning of what they do. If they do not find it, especially future generations, there will be no commitment. Only 13 percent of people say that they are committed to their work today. The other strong point is an exponential technological development, which brings automation. Taking into account what already exists, millions of people could end up without work. Electronic doormen, autonomous vehicles … and those are just technologies that already exist. In a short time, we will reach a time when machines start to learn and think. And then they will take the place of lawyers and doctors. Technology is changing workers. What does it mean to be a human today? The ability to design our lives is fundamental. We have brought innovation into business and now it is time to use it to innovate our lives.

You talk about the ability to "design life." What does that mean?
I have worked with innovation all my life. I have always worked with pioneering companies. I have had a great personal transformation. I sold my company and it was at a time I got pregnant and my husband was diagnosed with cancer. He only had two more years to live. Four months later, we discovered that the diagnosis was wrong. But our internal transformation had already happened. I founded a school designed to be run by the community. Then I began to tell people how I learned to design my life. You have to choose the lifestyle you want and then look for the work that would fit. Many people came to me asking for help when they heard my story.

What advice would you give to those who want to go through this process?
I think the first thing is to look outside. You have to see many other life forms that exist. Many people do not see it because we are used to observing the world from our perspective. Look at other things, get out of your comfort zone. Then, have a glance inside yourself and try to understand what it is that's driving you to make this or that decision. What work means something to you? Little by little, you will design whatever you want. Try it.

How can we think of all these working concepts at a time of serious crisis and unemployment?
I think we have to reinvent ourselves. There will be fewer jobs, but we have to have the ability to create the employment opportunities. It changes the way the world is organized.

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Five points of conviction

Anthony Ray Hinton spent 30 years on death row for crimes he did not commit.

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Lately, the country has been enthralled by tales of unjust incarceration, a flawed so-called justice system, and the many inmates who are put behind bars simply because they were born a certain way. Those points all ring true for Anthony Ray Hinton. Hinton is one of the longest-serving death row prisoners in Alabama's history and in 2015 became the 152nd person exonerated from death row since 1983 thanks to EJI (the Equal Justice Initiative) and a real-life superhero, Bryan Stevenson.

The new HBO documentary "True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality" follows Alabama public interest attorney Bryan Stevenson and his role in advocating for the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned. Hinton was saved by Stevenson and the EJI (which was founded by Stevenson), and "True Justice" highlights how Hinton and Stevenson were able to right an incredible wrong made by the justice system. But the fight is far from over.

"First, let me say, I have always been a person who believed in justice. We need laws and we need punishment," says Hinton. "After what happened to me, I still believe that. But I don't think that we should have a death penalty in this country due to racism and due to the fact that we get it wrong more than we get it right. What happened to me was not a mistake, it was done on purpose."

Hinton's experience is nothing short of a nightmare. After two fast-food restaurant managers were murdered in 1985, the police were on the hunt for the assailant. At the young age of 29, with no violent criminal history and no real concrete evidence, Hinton was ripped from his home, interrogated and held by police.

At the time, Hinton still believed in the system and even was hopeful that he would not be convicted. If you're innocent, why would you be, right? "I thought the truth would come out. I had that little ounce of hope. Why wouldn't I believe that justice would work? As I got in the courtroom, I realized this was not a case of mistaken identity. This was done deliberately," says Hinton.

The case of mistaken identity was made by a manager who picked Hinton out of a lineup. The deliberate actions came from the prosecutor and judge who Hinton says were more swayed by the color of his skin than his alibi (which he had), false ballistic reports (which were completely butchered) and his positive polygraph test that showed he had no knowledge of the crimes that were committed. "A detective told me: 'There are five things that are going to convict you. Number One, you're black. Number Two, a white man is going to say you shot him — whether you shot him or not, I don't care. Number Three, you're going to have a white prosecutor. Number Four, you're going to have a white judge. Number Five, you're going to have an all-white jury.' He looked me in the eyes and he said, 'Do you know what that spells? Conviction.' He said that five times. He was exactly right."

After Hinton was convicted, the world simply didn't make sense. How could it? After having your freedom taken away over nothing more than racial bias, nothing really does. "My life was turned upside down. Why did they pick me? I don't know. At the time, any black man would have done. I just happened to be the black person that they took. To this day, no one is willing to tell me why. I spent 30 years of pure hell on Alabama's death row. To this day, no one in the state of Alabama, from the governor's office or the DA's office, the legislator, anyone — no one had the decency to say, Mr. Hinton, we're sorry for the 30 years we took from you."

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No walk in the park for US

The United States women's national team barely survives its first game of the knockout round.

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USA's Kelley O'Hara is tackled by Spain's Irene Paredes Monday. GETTY IMAGES

If the United States women's national team needed a stiff test ahead of its mega-showdown on Friday with France, it certainly received it Monday against Spain.

The USWNT narrowly survived its first game in the knockout round of the tournament, toppling the Spaniards, 2-1, in Reims, France.

Megan Rapinoe tallied both goals for the United States on penalty kicks, the latter coming on a questionable foul by Spain's Virginia Torrecilla. Torrecilla brushed her cleat up against the leg of Rose Lavelle while Lavelle was pursuing the ball in the box. Lavelle took one hop after the dusting before falling to the ground. The referees reviewed the call and the Americans got the benefit of the doubt.

Rapinoe banged the penalty kick home to the left corner, beating goalkeeper Sandra Panos. Rapinoe's first score of the game, which took place early in the first half, came in similar fashion.

"That's just grit, that's World Cup-level grit," Rapinoe told FOX Sports of the victory over Spain. "There's no way to express it or teach it. We were looking at each other [in the second half] and we knew we just had to go up a level. I love it. This is the best thing. It was an amazing atmosphere."

Leading goal scorer Alex Morgan was initially called upon by head coach Jill Ellis to take the second penalty kick but while the officials looked over the call, Rapinoe got the nod to break the nerve-racking 1-1 tie.

"We have a lineup for penalty kicks," Rapinoe said. "We both wanted to step up and take it."

Morgan was returning from a minor knee injury after missing last Thursday's win over Sweden. She did not tally a goal Monday, but did make some fine defensive plays late in the game to secure the U.S. victory.

True test

Spain was not intimidated in the least bit by the aura of the Americans. Morgan, Julie Ertz, Samantha Mewis and Kelley O'Hara each went down in a heap at various times due to tackles by Spain.

Unlike the United States' previous 2019 World Cup opponents, Spain responded well to an early setback. The United States has now scored within the first 12 minutes of each game of this World Cup, but Spain's Jennifer Hermoso was able to put further USA celebration on hold for a bit when she scored less than three minutes after Rapinoe's first penalty kick conversion.

"I really feel that we all should be proud of what we did," Spain coach Jorge Vilda said. "I am very proud indeed. In terms of competitiveness, we gave the best team in the world a run for their money."

The Hermoso goal took place due to some careless play by the U.S. as keeper Alyssa Naeher played a ball forward that was easily picked off. Hermoso lofted it over Naeher's head, finding the top-right corner of the net. It was the first goal allowed by the USWNT in 647 minutes.

Finally, France

Up next for the USWNT is an Elite 8 showdown with France. This matchup has been highly anticipated since the Women's World Cup draw back in December of last year. France has beaten the USWNT in two of their last three meetings, including a 3-1 decision in January. The game will be played Friday at 3 p.m. ET (FOX) in Paris.

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Even though summer has just kicked off, football season is in the air following the NFL's recently completed mandatory minicamps. Not to mention we're just 75 days away from the Eagles' first 2019 regular-season game against the Washington Redskins.

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Phillies vs. Mets game pick

There should be offensive fireworks in Philadelphia on Tuesday night as Walker Lockett (0-1, 23.14 ERA) starts for the Mets against Jake Arrieta (6-6, 4.12 ERA) and the Phillies.

Lockett, making his second start for the Mets in lieu of Noah Syndergaard (hamstring), will hope for better results than he had at Wrigley Field on Thursday. He allowed six earned runs before being yanked in the third inning by skipper Mickey Callaway.

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Lockett could be the cure for what ails the Phillies offense, as Bryce Harper and company have plated just 29 runs in their last 10 games. Arrieta has struggled against a few of these Mets hitters in the past.

Third baseman Todd Frazier, catcher Wilson Ramos and utility man Jeff McNeil are 20-for-49 (.408) combined against the veteran hurler from Missouri. The results have been up-and-down for New York, 4-6 in their last 10, but they're averaging 5.3 runs per game in that span. Phenomenal first baseman Pete Alonso hit .400 with five home runs and 12 RBI in those 10 tilts.

The play: Mets vs. Phillies Over

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Football season is thankfully closing in fast as the Eagles will begin training camp in just 29 days.

Throughout the summer, we'll be looking at NFL futures and the general betting outlook of every team in the league.

Today we start with the Miami Dolphins, who are most everyone's top pick to finish with the least amount of wins in the 2019 season. At **MetroBet.us/Sugar**, the Dolphins have +30000 odds to win the most games in the NFL this season. Obviously you're not going to bet on that happening, but you can bet on whether or not the Dolphins will actually be the worst team in the NFL. Under NFL Futures at **MetroBet.us/Sugar** you will find "General Team Markets" and "Team Specials." Under Team Specials, there is an option to bet on "Team to Win Least Games – Excluding Playoffs" and the Dolphins are the favorite at +300.

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A ton of unpredictable occurrences happen throughout the course of an NFL season, so some teams that are predicted to be playoff teams could wind up being total disasters (like last year's Jacksonville Jaguars). But sportsbooks usually have a good idea of who is going to be brutal.

Heading into the season last year, the Cardinals and Browns had the top odds to finish with the worst record. The books nailed it with the Cardinals, as they finished an NFL-worst 3-13. The Browns? Not so much, as Cleveland went 7-8.

Maybe new Miami head coach Brian Flores (former assistant in New England) will bring some much-needed structure to South Beach. But it's important to remember just how bad Miami's roster is, and also the fact that Bill Belichick disciples rarely accomplish much when they leave the nest.

Arizona outcast Josh Rosen and AFC East harlot Ryan Fitzpatrick will battle it out for the starting QB job, with the good money saying that Fitzpatrick will get the nod initially.

That might not be a good thing.

"Fitz-Magic" is very much a New York media creation. The truth is, Fitzpatrick has never even played in a playoff game despite having been in the league over a decade, and in that much-acclaimed 2015 season he laid an egg in the regular-season finale in a must-win game at Buffalo, throwing three interceptions.

Then there was last year with the Buccaneers, when he lost the last six games in which he played despite a hot start to the year.

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1:00 pm	**MLB Baseball** Toronto Blue Jays at New York Yankees	MLB Network
3:00 pm	**Women's World Cup** Netherlands vs. Japan	FOX Sports 1
8:00 pm	**MLB Baseball** Atlanta Braves at Chicago Cubs	MLB Network

MLB best bets: Rays at Twins

MetroBet takes a glance at one of the more bet-friendly games on the MLB slate for Tuesday.

Twins starter Kyle Gibson (7-4, 4.18 ERA) should stymie the offense of the Rays while his lineup does damage against the beleaguered Blake Snell (4-6, 4.40 ERA) on Tuesday at Target Field.

The Rays are 4-9 in their last 13 games and dropped three out of four at Tropicana Field against the Twins less than a month ago. Gibson allowed zero earned runs when he faced Tampa on June 1, scattering six hits in five innings of work. He's allowed just nine earned runs in his last five starts against the Rays (29 2/3 innings). Minnesota's bullpen has pitched to a 2.64 ERA in the last seven days, good for fourth in the major leagues.

Snell has been atrocious in June, pitching to a 10.29 ERA in June. The Yankees chased him in the first inning in his most recent outing. The Twins' lineup has been lethal against lefties like Snell this year, posting a league-best .296 batting average. Tampa's bullpen, usually a source of strength, is 22nd by ERA in the last seven days (5.30).

The play: Twins moneyline

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14 Eager
15 Weak
16 Eyelet
17 Pharmacy orders
18 Intimidating
20 Prefix for teen or trial
21 Colors
22 Haywire
23 Inaccurate
25 Man's accessory
26 Buddy
28 Was disrespectful
31 Comes to shore
32 Mild cheese
34 High roller
36 Likelihood
37 Couches
38 __ Wilder
39 Fruity dessert
40 Short-tailed weasel
41 Give up; do without
42 Preaches
44 Deep narrow valley
45 Topaz or ruby
46 Rejuvenate
47 See eye to eye
50 Drawn-out
51 "If I __ a Hammer"
54 British traffic circle
57 Game similar to lotto
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59 Measuring device
60 Remove wrinkles
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62 Neatness
63 Bank teller's call

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9 Actress Larter
10 River through London
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12 Problems
13 Charges
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21 Heavy weights
24 Cincinnati team
25 Keep __ on; watch carefully
26 Fiasco
27 Standard car feature
28 Thin narrow board
29 In all places
30 Wolf relative
32 Dove cries
33 Beyond a shadow __ doubt
35 Lowly worker
37 Flower stalk
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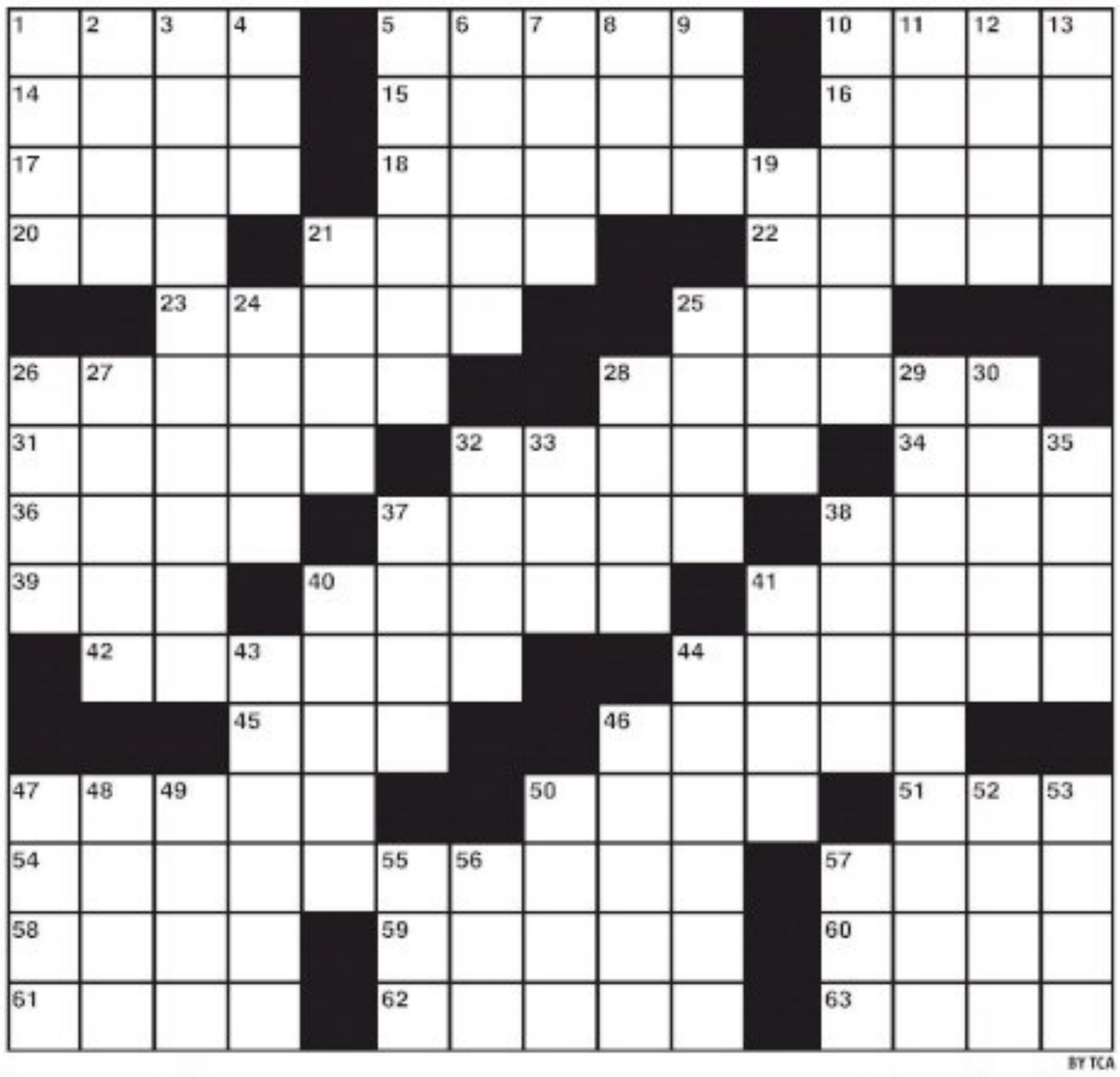

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